

456. (Twice Amended) The device of claim [443]444, additionally comprising a reset circuit interposed between said first and second circuits for receiving said first output signal from said first circuit and for terminating said first output signal when predetermined stability requirements are not met.

461. (Amended) The device of claim [443]444, wherein said second circuit includes:

- a logic circuit responsive to said first output signal and the second external signal for producing an output signal; and
- a latch responsive to said output signal of said logic circuit for producing said first enable signal.

463. (Amended) The device of claim [443]444, wherein said device is responsive to a third external signal for controlling the power up sequence of a second voltage supply, said device comprising:

- a third circuit responsive to said first output signal, the second external signal, and the third external signal for producing a second enable signal to enable the second voltage supply.

#### REMARKS

In the present Office action, claims 443 – 465 are pending. Claims 444 – 465 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 444 has been rewritten in independent form and claim 443 has been cancelled.

It is respectfully requested that a Second Preliminary Amendment and a Third Preliminary Amendment, both filed before the mailing date of the present Office Action, be entered. The Second Preliminary Amendment was mailed on 21 September 2001 and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on 25 September 2001. The Third Preliminary Amendment was mailed on 9 November 2001 and received